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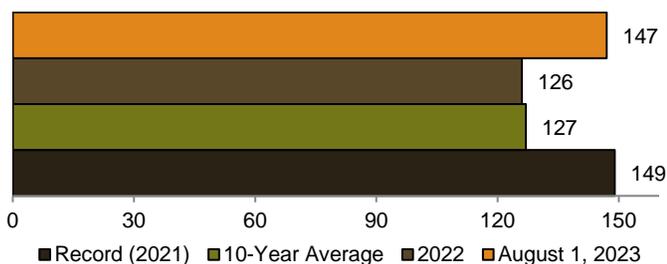
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NORTH CAROLINA CORN, WHEAT, PEANUTS, SOYBEAN PRODUCTION ESTIMATES UP, COTTON DOWN

Corn for Grain

- Yield estimate of 147 bushels per acre is up 21 bushels from last year's yield of 126 bushels per acre.
- Production forecast at 138.18 million bushels is up 40% from the 98.91 million bushels produced last year.
- Harvested acres projected at 940,000 are up from the 785,000 acres harvested in 2022.

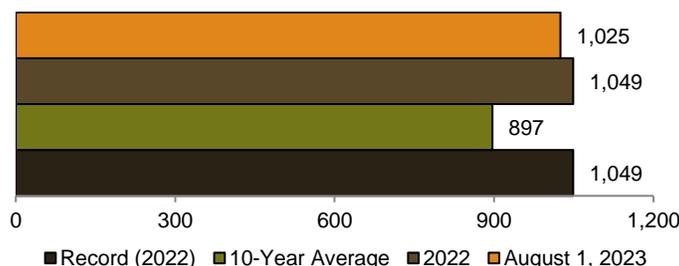
Corn for Grain Yield - (Bushels)



Cotton

- Yield estimate of 1,025 pounds per acre is down 24 pounds from last year's yield of 1,049 pounds per acre.
- Production forecast at 790,000 bales is down 21% from last year's production of 1,005,000 bales.
- Harvested acres projected at 370,000 are down from the 460,000 acres harvested in 2022.

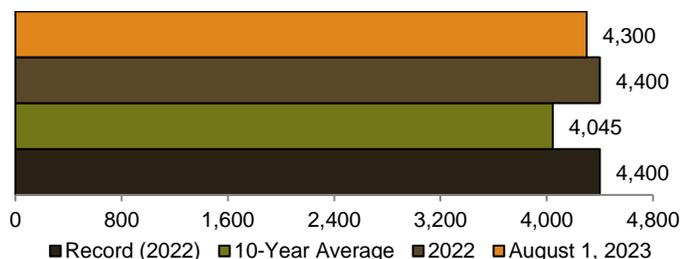
Upland Cotton Yield - (Pounds)



Peanuts

- Yield estimate of 4,300 pounds per acre is down 100 pounds from last year's estimate of 4,400 pounds per acre.
- Production forecast at 550.4 million pounds is up 8% from last year's production of 540.4 million pounds.
- Harvested acres projected at 128,000 acres are up from the 116,000 acres harvested in 2022.

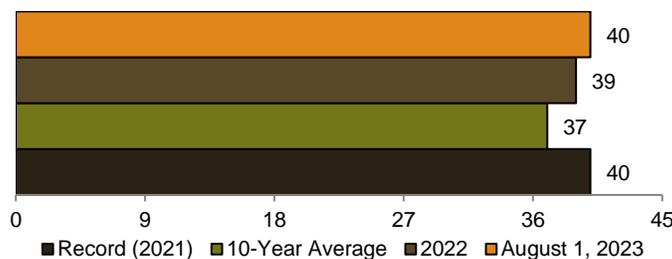
Peanut Yield - (Pounds)



Soybeans

- Yield estimate of 40 bushels per acre is up 1 bushel from last year's yield of 39 bushels per acre.
- Production forecast at 65.6 million bushels is up 1% from last year's production of 65.065 million bushels.
- Harvested acres projected at 1.64 million acres are down 50,000 acres from last year.

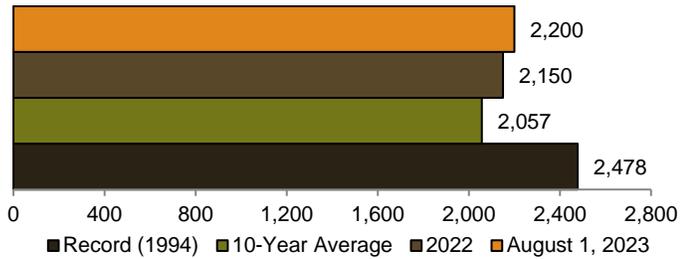
Soybean Yield - (Bushels)



Flue-Cured Tobacco

- Yield estimate of 2,200 pounds per acre is up 50 pounds from last year.
- Production forecast at 248.6 million pounds per acre is just slightly down 0.3% from last year's production of 249.4 million pounds.
- Harvested acres projected at 113,000 acres are down 3,000 acres from 2022.

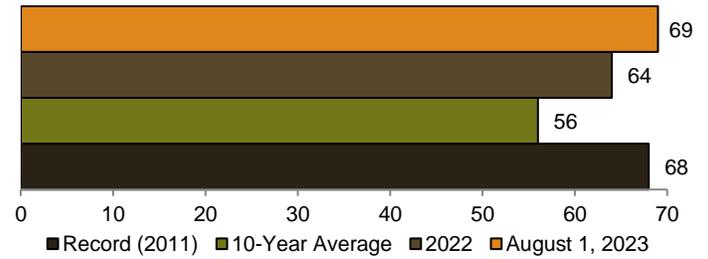
Flue-Cured Tobacco - (Pounds)



Winter Wheat

- Yield estimate of 69 bushels per acre is up 5 bushels per acre from 2022.
- Production forecast at 27.9 million bushels per acre is up 16% from last year's production of 24.0 million bushels.
- Harvested acres projected at 405,000 acres are up 30,000 acres from last year.

Winter Wheat - (Bushels)



ACRES, YIELD AND PRODUCTION, AUGUST 1, 2023									
Crops	Unit	Harvested		Yield			Production		Percent Change
		2022	2023	2022	2023		2022	2023	
					July 1	August 1			
		<i>Thousand Acres</i>		<i>Unit per Acre</i>			<i>Thousands</i>		<i>+/-</i>
Corn for Grain	Bu.	785	940	126	-	147	98,910	138,180	+40
Cotton: Upland ¹	Lb.	460	370	1,049	-	1,025	1,005	790	-21
Hay: Other	Ton	650	630	2.2	-	2.5	1,430	1,575	+10
Peanuts	Lb.	116	128	4,400	-	4,300	510,400	550,400	+8
Soybeans	Bu.	1,690	1,640	39	-	40	65,065	65,600	+1
Tobacco: Flue Cured	Lb.	116	113	2,150	2,100	2,200	249,400	248,600	-0
Tobacco: Burley	Lb.	0.16	0.12	1,700	-	1,900	272	228	-16
Wheat: Winter	Bu.	375	405	64	66	69	24,000	27,945	+16

¹ Production in 480-lb. net weight bales. Production ginned and to be ginned.